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McNary Pool to Operate at 335.0' to 335.5' Monday, November 27, 2006

McNary Pool will be temporarily lowered to pool elevations ranging from 335.0' to 335.5' for an eight hour period, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on November 27, 2006. A contractor will be removing instrumentation used in fish related studies at the south fish ladder at McNary Dam, Columbia River mile 292. The instrumentation was placed last February by NOAA Fisheries.

Over the next several days McNary pool will be lowered to 337.0' elevation. Beginning on Saturday, November 25, the pool will be lowered further to the 335.0' - 335.5' elevation necessary for the scheduled work to begin Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. As soon as the instrumentation has been removed McNary pool will be slowly filled to the 337.0' level by Wednesday, November 29, and return to current pool levels by Friday, November 1, 2006.

For reference, in the month of November 2006, to date, the average tailrace elevation at Ice Harbor was 340.27' and the average forebay elevation at McNary was 338.74'.

Please be aware of the potential hazards in McNary Pool which includes, but not limited to the following:

- Commercial vessels - At lower than typical pool (below 337.0') beware of less than 14' draft in some areas of Ice Harbor Cut.
- For recreational craft - If docked in areas in McNary Pool, boat owners should ensure their vessels are located in deep enough water to avoid damage during this time.

Thank you for your corporation regarding this matter.

For additional information, please call Operations Division, at (509) 527-7115 or (509) 527-7114.